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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: **METHOD FOR LOAD BALANCING OF REQUESTS FOR SERVICE BY DEVICES ON A NETWORK AND A DEVICE AND A NETWORK FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH METHOD**

Enclosed are:

- 19 pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.
- 4 sheets of drawing.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- A Recordation of Assignment Request with attached copy of executed Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700. [original + 1]
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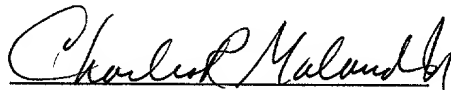
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